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SUBJECT: GATT TOKYO MINISTERIAL MEETING ON MULTILATERAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

1. SUMMARY: IN DISCUSSION WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE
EMBASSY OFFICES RECEIVED POLISH DELEGATION LIST FOR
TLKYO GATT MINISTERIAL AND WERE TOLD THAT REDUCTIONOF
WORLD TRADE BARRIERS WAS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO POLAND.
POLES REFERRED TO PROBLEM OF HARD CORE DISCRIMINATORY
PRACTICES OF WESTERN EUROPEANS, BUT ALSO ALLUDED TO
"STRICT" US POSITION IN GATT WHICH STOOD IN WAY OF
COMPORMISE ON THIS ISSUE. NO RPT NO REFERENCE WAS MADE
TO NOTION OF SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS. END SUMMARY.

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2. EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS MET AUGUST 15

WITH STANISLAW STRUS, DIRECTOR OF TRADE POLICY DEPARTMENT III (WESTERN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES), MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (MFT), FOR DISCUSSION OF PREPARATIONS FOR GATT MINISTERIAL MEETING AT TOKYO. STRUS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MFT GATT EXPERT TOMASZ BARTOSZEWICZ.

3. INDICATING HE WAS IMPRESSED BY HIGH LEVEL OF US DELEGATION, STRUS PROVIDED US WITH FOLLOWING DELEGATION LIST FOR GOP:

POLISH REPRESENTATIVE: FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER STANISLAW DLUGOSZ, MFT.

DELEGATES:

ZBIGNIEW BIDZINSKI, DIRECTOR, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, MFT
LUCJAN KLUCINSKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRADE POLICY DEPARTMENT III, MFT (AND FREQUENT REPRESENTATIVE AT GATT SESSIONS IN GENEVA)
JAN CHOWANIEC, SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
PROF. WITOLD TRZECIAKOWSKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FOREIGN TRADE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MFT
DR. WIKTOR RUX, FOREIGN TRADE ADVISOR TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION
MR. JODKO, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO GATT, GENEVA
TOMASZ BARTOSZEWICZ, TRADE POLICY DEPARTMENT III, GENEVA
PLUS POLISH AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN AND POLISH COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR AT TOKYO.

COMMENT: OF DELEGATION MEMBERS, MOST OF WHOM ARE KNOWN TO EMBASSY, WE SUGGEST CHOWANIEC MIGHT BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOR INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH GOP DELEGATION. HE IS SHARP, WELL INFORMED, AND SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, HAVING SERVED FOR NUMBER OF YEARS IN WASHINGTON. DLUGOSZ, WHO RECENTLY MOVED UP TO NUMBER TWO SPOT AT MFT, IS APPROACHABLE, INTERESTED IN US-POLISH TRADE RELATIONS, AND SPEAKS ENGLISH FAIRLY WELL.)

4. WITH RESPECT TO GOP POSITION TOWARD MINISTERIAL MEETING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND NEW ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (MTN), STRUS SAID TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS, AND AGRICULTURAL TRADE RESTRICTIONS, ALL WERE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE IN TERMS OF POLAND'S EXPORT TRADE, AND THEREFORE GOP WAS MOST INTERESTED IN SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF MTN, DISCRIMINATORY RESTRICTIONS STILL APPLIED TO POLAND BY WESTERN EUROPEANS WERE OF SPECIAL CONCERN, HE SAID. ALTHOUGH CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE DURING PAST YEAR TO END THESE

RESTRICTIONS, GOP CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN OBJECTIVE OF THEIR TOTAL ELIMINATION. REMARKING THAT POLAND AND THE US HAD SIMILAR OVERALL OBJECTIVES IN PRESSING WESTERN EUROPEANS TO CEASE DISCRIMINATORY TRADE PRACTICES, STRUS WENT ON TO NOT THAT IN RECENT YEARS, ALTHOUGH POLAND HAD BEEN READY UNOFFICIALLY TO REACH "COMPROMISE" WITH WESTERN EUROPEANS IN GATT WORKING PARTY ON POLAND, THE US., WITH ITS INSISTENCE ON STRICT AND COMPLETE NON-DISCRIMINATION, HAD IN EFFECT PREVENTED COMPROMISE SOLUTION (GENEVA 4557, 10/17/72). RETURNING TO QUESTION OF TOKYO MINISTERIAL, STRUS INDICATED MFT EXPERTS MIGHT BE WILLING TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH US LATER IN MONTH TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND DISCUSS POSITIONS IN SOME DETAIL.

5. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION RECENTLY, ANOTHER MFT OFFICIAL REMARKED THAT POLAND'S COMMITMENT TO INCREASE IMPORTS BY 7 PERCENT PER ANNUM FROM OTHER GATT MEMBERS CAUSED NO PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF RAPIDLY INCREASING IMPORTS FROM WEST AND FACT THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS INCLUDED IN THE CALCULATIONS. HE SAID ANNUAL WORKING PARTY REVIEW OF POLAND'S GATT ACCESSION WAS ACTUALLY A HANDY DEVICE FOR PERIODICALLY RAISING PROBLEM OF REMAINING WESTERN EUROPEAN TRADE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST POLAND, AND HE FELT IT WOULD NOT BE ADVANTAGEIOUS TO TERMINATE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AS LONG AS THESE HARD CORE PROBLEMS PERSISTED.

6. NEITHER STRUS NOR BARTOSZEWICZ MADE ANY REFERENCE TO NOTION, PREVIOUSLY FLOATED BY POLISH REPRESENTATIVE AT GENEVA, OF PARTICIPATION BY SOVIETS OR OTHER NON-GATT MEMBERS IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.
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